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HAVING A PHASE SHIFT ERROR

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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When the above-identified patent application is taken up for consideration, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1, line 5, before "This invention" please insert the sentence, "This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/031,639 filed February 27, 1998--."

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 2-22 without prejudice.

**REMARKS**

Claims 2-22 are canceled hereby. Claim 1 is now pending. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney at 612-371-2111 to discuss any questions which may remain with respect to the present application.

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